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Dear Alex,

I have received the invitation to the centennial symposium, Brain and Human Behavior, and regret that I cannot attend. I have already accepted lecture assignments in Philadelphia for the 2 and 3.

The meeting program is excellent, and you are to be congratulated in its organization. It will make an important volume and I look forward to reading the published summaries when they appear.

Thank you also for the copy of your letter regarding the CINP program. I understand your feelings, and I concur with them. The meeting is run by the Council, however, and that group did not have the benefit of our discussions. The chairman was too weak to report them accurately, even in the rump session in Washington. Confusing issues of geographics and national representation were introduced in Washington, and in an effort to maintain my equanimity, I did not agree with the group, nor did I withdraw. When another rump session was held in Liege, the same extra ideas interceded. It was not surprising, therefore, that geographics and political considerations interfered in Switzerland.

Enough of politics. Have a fine meeting. Can we get together soon thereafter? Will you be in New York, or shall I make an excuse and fly to Chicago? I would like to get along with an ECT project. My associate, Dr. Richard Abrams, was a co-worker of a psychiatrist on your staff, Dr. DeVito. He could still be interested in an ECT project.

My best regards.

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